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You Can Buy an Overcoat for

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Or a Suit of UNDERWEAR for

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That the People of this community, who are not constitutionally inclined to use high sounding expressions, call

CHEAP CHARLEY,

One of those things that some people build houses with, and other people wear in their hats. Well, to cut it short,

HE'S A BRICK!

Even if we say it ourselves.

WHY?

Hard as a Brick to Opposition

Useful as a Brick to His Patrons

BARGAINS FOR ALL

CHEAP CHARLEY,

The Leading Clothier of Decatur.

HON. GEO. R. WENDLING is using his powers of logic and oratory against the devil, in Wisconsin.

It would seem that when Gen. Grant's heels slipped up the other day, his Mexican telegraph scheme went down with him.

Ohio democrats should elect Hon. A. G. Thurman to the United States Senate. He is one of the ablest and purest men in the country. His red bandana is not a serious objection.

Our neighboring city of Springfield will lose about fifty saloons under the high license bill, but visitors there need not fear that they cannot get enough of the ardent, and to spare.

In the legislature of Virginia a bill has been presented to prevent the running of railroad trains on Sunday. It would not carry, but they should get "God in the constitution" of the Old Dominion some of these days.

An exchange says the republican papers are wonderfully hard to please. They were dissatisfied with Carlisle before he was elected speaker because he was a free trader, and now they are growling with discontent because he is not.

These Kentucky women are the kind to get. The Courier-Journal tells of one who did a day's washing on Saturday, gave birth to a healthy boy on Sunday, and thrashed her husband on Monday. Mother and child doing well.

SAN FRANCISCO is already making arrangements and preparations for a world's fair, to be held in that city in 1887. Buildings costing over a million dollars will be erected in Golden Gate Park, and all that enterprise and capital can do will be done to make the affair a success.

BEN. BUTLER is no longer governor of Massachusetts. Gov. Robinson took up the reins of government on Wednesday, and the managers of the Tewksbury almshouse can possibly breathe more freely now than they have for several months past. Ben will be heard from to the sorrow of some radical official before many moons wax and wane.

The director of the mint estimates that there are between five and six millions of the trade dollars now in the hands of the people—principally bankers, capitalists and speculators—who got them for eighty or eighty-five cents each. The government is in honor bound to redeem them at par, and a bill to that effect is among the probabilities of the present session of congress.

The members of that honorable body, the U. S. senate, make some queer expenditures at the expense of the people. Last year, according to the secretary's report, the Apollonaris water used to quench the thirst of the senators cost \$455. There were purchased for the use of the senate 2,100 two-grain quinine pills, costing \$44. Among the other purchases were two gallons of Cologne, one jar of Copenhagen snuff, four gallons of bay rum, one bottle of sweet oil, one gallon of castor oil, two dozen chamomile skins, and one bellows for insects. If the quinine and castor oil would do anything to brace up and clean out the senators that need these operations, the people will probably not complain, but the Cologne, bay rum, and chamomile skins are not articles of necessity. Probably the latter were used for rubbing down after heats.

It is no doubt a great consolation to our neighbor to know that there is something which Gen. Grant did not succeed in accomplishing. After his frequent and pronounced successes in walloping the political party to which the Keview man belongs, on the battle field and at the polls, it is not strange that the great defeated should take a somewhat spiteful delight in recording the failures of the man who has warmed their jackets so often.—Decatur Republican.

We accord to Gen. Grant all due honor for his military achievements, and admit that in his lifetime he has put away about as much bad whisky as any one ordinary mortal can stand, and also that the record of his administration shows it to have been the most corrupt in the history of the country. So bad, indeed, was it that the editor of the Republican, in the spring of 1872, was led to exclaim: "I don't see how we can stand this Grant dynasty much longer." As to the charge in the above, that the democratic party was beaten on the battle field by Gen. Grant, it is simply an insult to every democrat of the north—not only those who shouldered their guns in defense of the Union, but those who shouted themselves hoarse playing home-guard with the editor of the Republican.

BY TELERAPH.

Dead Hog Thieves.

ANNURN, January 5.—G. W. Vaucl and Jim Overstreet have been arrested for stealing twelve dead cholera hogs from H. E. Moorman. The parties arrested are now in jail.

Preliminary Hearing.

BEARDSTOWN, January 5.—John Walton, a sporting man, arraigned for the killing of Henry Sechler, stood his preliminary trial yesterday. He was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Thoughts of Lynching.

BUFFALO, January 5.—A large number of citizens were chagrined yesterday morning on learning that Montgomery and Clement had disappeared. Determined citizens had quietly determined to lynch them.

Gone to Washington.

BLOOMINGTON, January 5.—Judge Lawrence Wildon, recently appointed Judge of the federal court of claims, in the place of Judge Bancroft Davis, resigned, has gone to Washington and will enter upon the duties of his office at once.

Bitter Feeling.

BLUE MOUND, January 5.—The feeling in and around the town is very bitter against Montgomery, Pettus and Clement, although the acquitted men have some staunch friends. The popular indignation will hardly culminate in a lynching.

Prohibition.

NEW YORK, January 5.—A great petition for a National Constitutional amendment will be sent out by the National Woman's Temperance Union, and will be presented to the presidential nominating conventions of the different parties. They will ask for prohibition, instead of the ballot for women, as has been stated.

A Horrible Death.

ST. LOUIS, Jan 5.—Phoebe Brown, the oldest resident in Brooklyn, near East St. Louis, who, according to common report, long since celebrated her 100th anniversary, came to a frightful death shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, being burned to a crisp in her old log cabin. Her residence was situated on the outskirts of the little settlement, and for forty years past she occupied it by herself, living on the charity of her neighbors.

A Fatal Shooting Affray.

BALTIMORE, January 5.—At midnight, in a shooting match between James Hare and John Scanlon, Hare was killed and Scanlon is believed to be fatally wounded. Hare went to Scanlon's saloon and fired twice at him. One shot took effect in the stomach, and the other in his arm. Scanlon returned the fire, and Hare was shot through the head and instantly killed. Hare is from Calvert county. Hare claimed to have been robbed a week ago, while in the company of Scanlon and a woman.

The Work of Flames.

CLEVELAND, O., January 5.—The beautiful new Park Theatre, built to be fire-proof, burned at 8 o'clock this morning. The fire is believed to have originated on the stage from a lamp explosion. The loss is perhaps \$200,000, partly insured. The George H. Adams "Humpty Dumpty" company loses \$8,000 to \$9,000 worth of properties and will have to cancel their Louisville engagement next week. Wyck's Bank Block, immediately in front of the theatre, the First Presbyterian church on one side, and the county court-house on the other, were in great danger.

KALAMAZOO, MICH., January 5.—The large three-story frame business building at Lagrange, Ind., known as the Will Block, burned early this morning, and with it five stores. Will H. Clugston, dry goods dealer, was the principal loser. Loss, \$50,000.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 5.—The Church of St. Charles Harrowee was this morning damaged by fire to the amount of \$10,000. Insured.

MOANEQUA, ILL., January 5.—The residence of Mrs. Abner Smith was destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

WELLSVILLE, January 5.—The residence of Milton Higley, at Mechanicstown, a few miles distant, burned early yesterday morning. Two children aged 7 and 4 years, perished in the flames. An older sister was badly burned in attempting to rescue the children.

Don't forget to tell your neighbors that the DAILY REVIEW is only ten cent per week, and the WEEKLY REVIEW only one dollar a year. Subscribe for it. Get the best.

GO TO CHURCH.

UNIVERSALIST.—Rev. Sophie Gibb, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Subject morning sermon, "Difficulties in Reading the Bible," and of evening sermon, "The Old and New Year."

CATHOLIC.—Rev. T. W. Pinkerton, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Webster, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. General class at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Prizes meeting at 9:30 p. m. All persons invited to all the services.

BAPTIST.—Rev. Geo. R. Voebach, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. The evening sermon will be the third of the series on "The Prodigal Son." A cordial invitation to attend these services.

UNITED BRETHREN.—Rev. H. W. Traublood, pastor. Quarterly meeting. Preaching morning and evening by Rev. W. C. Smith, of Westfield, Ill. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, Corner of North Main and Eldorado streets.—Rev. A. W. Walter, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Holy Communion in the morning. Sacrament of baptism at 8:30. All cordially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. F. Short, of Jacksonville, will preach morning and evening. Other services and Sunday school at the usual hours.

Special Notice.—Excursions.

Excursions to Southeast Kansas and Southwest Missouri on Tuesdays, Jan. 8th and 22d, over the W. St. L. & P. Ry., to Kansas City; and from there over the Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Gulf R. R. to Olathe, Paola, Lawrence, Piasanton, Ft. Scott, Topeka, Hays, Emporia, Kansas, and other points. For maps, circulars and rates for these excursions, apply to nearest Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific agent, or call on or write to
TOS BIVANS, Excursion Agt., Decatur, Ill.

Prize Drawing.

Irwin & Priest's prize drawing took place at the tabernacle yesterday morning in the presence of a large crowd, it being conducted by Messrs. John Irwin, John A. Miller and J. H. Kabick. For a year past each purchaser of over 50 cents' worth of goods at the above drug store, has been presented with a number, a duplicate of which was deposited in a receptacle made for the purpose. Every 10th number taken from this receptacle yesterday drew a large prize as follows: 27,633, \$100 in gold; 26,403, \$50 in gold; 1,913, \$30 in gold; 4,361, \$20 in gold. There were thirty-six other numbers drawn, which entitle the holders to a dollar's worth of goods, at the firm's store.

Wilson's Lightning Excelsior Hair Dye

Colors the hair any shade from a brown to a glossy raven black. Prevents the hair from falling off, invigorates its growth, and keeps the scalp perfectly free from irritation. It is durable and will not rub off. It is purely vegetable and free from poisonous substances and cannot injure the skin. Will be put up in bottles costing 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
W. WILSON.

To Close Out.

We offer 50 dozens Fancy Dress Shirts at 50 cents for choice.
Big 18 & 19
W. WILSON.

Lacerated Chinese Boatmen.

Any one who has traveled along the Grand Canal in China, and especially through the terminal and very short section which connects Tung-Chow with Peking, cannot fail to have remarked the signs of corporal punishment carried on their persons by the sturdy boatmen who navigate the heavily-laden junks bearing the tribute of the various provinces to the capital. An astonishing percentage of the men toiling at the oar or the punt-pole are in such a lacerated condition about their necks that as to be not only unable to sit down but even to endure the touch of their scanty clothing. In fact, a tribute-reeve boatman appears to be despised by his fellows until he has been, at least once, well thrashed with bamboo by order of some local mandarin. A well-scarred buttock is to the Grand Canal boatman what a row of scabs is to the American Indian or what a garment of tattoo in quaint artistic device was to the ordinary Japanese cooly of three instres ago. There is this distinction, however, that the lacerated waterman must qualify for his degree by some desperate theft of the cargo which he is helping to convey, and by all accounts he is the most reckless and barefaced thief in creation. The thrashings that he receives he is bred to and laughs at. Not long since some foreign travelers journeying in a small boat from Tung-Chow to the capital passed one of the heavily-laden lighters crawling up the stagnant canal. Of the visible crew of three there were two middle-aged men tranquilly punting, but both so circumstanced as to their sedentary apparatus that any upright position would evidently be preferable to a sitting or recumbent one—unless horizontal repose were indulged in, face downward. The third was a lad of some fourteen years of age, with the lips and lower part of his face swollen to the size of a small melon. The condition of the two men awakened no sort of interest in the foreigners' native boatmen, who probably knew from personal experience how to account for it; but the boy's face did provoke some apathetic interest on their part. At least they inquired, lethargically, what he had been doing. He mumbled out, laughing as well as he could, that he had been "cheeky" to a mandarin when questioned, and had been battered about the jaws to teach him future civility.—Japan Mail.

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Would say to the citizens of Decatur and vicinity that we have given you the advantage of buying good goods cheap, and you availed yourselves of the same, and we have a few more of these

OVERCOATS AND SUITS

Bought from the assignee of the large New York failure, which will be closed out at a

BARGAIN.

Also we have succeeded in purchasing a Large Stock of Holiday Novelties,

At the same low cash prices, and they are coming in, and are finer and cheaper than you ever saw them, consisting of:

Fancy Imported Silk Handkerchiefs,
French Hem-Stitched Silk Handkerchiefs,
French Hem-Stitched Linen Handkerchiefs,
Fancy Silk Web Suspenders,
Fancy Velvet Plush and Silk Neckwear,
Mufflers, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, Lined Kid Gloves and Mittens.

We Solicit Inspection. If you want a suit made, call on

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The Great New York Success. A Boom of Laughter.

M. W. Hanley's

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Presenting Edward Harrigan's latest success

McSorley's Inflation

With a company of Comedians

All the Original Scenic Effects.

All the Original Songs and Music.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

THE CHARLESTON BLUES.

I Never Drink Behind the Bar.

McNally's Row of Fats.

The Muddy Day

The Market on Saturday Night.

GOLDEN CHOIR.

THE OLD FEATHER BED.

BUNCH OF BERRIES.

The funniest play ever written.

Popular Prices: 25, 50 and 75 cents. No extra charge for reserved seats.

Jas. Dougherty,

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Coal, Wood, Hay, Straw, Etc.

Orders Received at Few's Grocery

Store, East Eldorado Street.

Telephone No. 65.

I am prepared to deliver Coal to any part of the city at \$2.25 per ton, also Hay at 75 cents per bale, and Wood and Straw at Low Prices. Give me your orders and you will not regret it.

JOHN R. MILLER, Administrator.

Decatur, Ill., January 1, 1884. dtd

School shoes, low prices.—J. W. BAKER. d13,d&w

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Estate of Jacob H. Miller, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that on MONDAY THE 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 1884 the administrator of said estate will present to the county court of Jefferson County, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such administrator, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate, and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose to do so.

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OUR BARGAIN COLUMN.

CHICKS FOR SALE.—Plymouth Rock chick.

Come, 6 cockerels and 24 hens. Apply at the residence of H. W. Hill, 219 Pine street, west end of Prairie street. dtd

WANTED.—A girl to do general house work in a small family. Inquire at the grocery store of F. Ruebman & Co. dtd

WANTED.—Woman for kitchen and one for dining room. Good home and fair wages assured. Address, stating where you can be seen, A. H. Varney, Assumption, Ill. dtd

FOR SALE.—A small engine and boiler, in good order. Inquire over Haverly office. Sept 25th J. A. Knox.

BOARDING HOUSE FOR SALE.—A well furnished boarding house in this city, centrally located, 20 rooms and good business for sale. Proprietor going west. Inquire at this office. dtd

CARPET CLEANING.—Carpets cleaned away from premises. Carpets cleaned and put down when so desired. Orders left at Abel & Locke's will receive prompt attention. A. Isaacs. dtd

LOST.—On Thursday, January 3d, between the residence of Jesse LaFarge and the New York Store, a gold breast-pin, with topaz setting (old style). The finder will be liberally rewarded on leaving it at the office of Jesse LaFarge & Co., on Merchant street. Jan 4th

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As President of the Florida Ship Canal, Governor Brown of Georgia is to receive \$25,000 per annum.

The stage driver who drove James K. Polk from Columbia to Nashville to be inaugurated is now in Waco, Tex.

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History of the Alphabet.

How many of the millions that daily use the alphabet ever stop to think of its origin and long history? In the true spirit of a student of science, Taylor, a well known English writer on philosophical and philological subjects has recently written and published, in London, two stout volumes under the title "The Alphabet: an Account of the Origin and Development of Letters." It is only by help of recent discoveries of early inscriptions and the progress in the art of reading lost languages and deciphering hitherto unknown symbols that such a well posted history has been possible. By careful study of the learned essays and scientific investigations of the latest philologists Taylor has set forth in language within easy comprehension the origin of the alphabet showing that our even Roman letters may be followed back to their very beginning some twenty or more centuries ago as in fact they are. We have no better history according to this account than those of the Italian printers of the fifteenth century. These were imitated from the beautiful manuscripts of the tenth and eleventh centuries, the letters of these being derived from the Roman of the Augustan age. The Roman letters in turn, are traced to those employed at Rome in the third century B. C., and these do not differ greatly from forms used in the earliest existing specimens of Latin writing dating from the fifth century B. C. This primitive alphabet of Rome was derived from a local form of the Greek alphabet in use about the sixth century B. C., and that was a variety of the earliest Greek alphabet belonging to the eighth or even the ninth century B. C. The Greeks got their letters from the Phoenicians, and there are clearly traceable in the most ancient known form of the Semitic.

The most ancient of books, a papyrus found at Thebes and now preserved in the French National Library, supplies the earliest forms of the letters used in the Semitic alphabet. The Stone Tablets of the Law could have been possible to the Jews only because of their possession of an alphabet and thus the Bible and modern philological science unite in ascribing a common origin to the alphabet which is in daily use throughout the world. The nineteenth century B. C. is held by Taylor to be the approximate date of the origin of alphabetic writing, and from that time it grew by slow degrees, work from Egypt, the home of the Jews during their long captivity, the knowledge of the alphabet was carried in all directions where alphabets are now found.

The Aryans, we thought to have been the first to bring the primitive alphabet to perfection, and each letter and each sound may be traced by Taylor's careful analysis through all the changes that have marked the growth progress, and in some instances the decay of different letters of various alphabets. It is an interesting fact that the oldest known ABC in existence is a child's alphabet scratched on an ink bottle of black wax found in one of the oldest Greek settlements in Italy, attributed to the fifth century B. C. The earliest letters and many later ones known only by inscriptions, and it is the rapid increase by recent discoveries of these precious fragments that has inspired the zeal of learned students in mastering the elements of knowledge of their origin and history throughout the world as late as 876 there were found in Cyprus some inscriptions inscribed with Phoenician characters dating back to the tenth century B. C. Each epoch has its fragments, and the industry of English explorers, the perseverance of German students, and the genius of French scholars have all contributed to group them in their chronological order. Coins engraved with inscribed statues and last of all the Siloam inscription found in 1881 at Jerusalem on the wall of an old tunnel have supplied new material for the history. From the common mother of many alphabets, the Phoenician, we descended the Greek and other European systems on the one side, including that which we use, and have the greatest interest in, and on the other the alphabets of Asia from which have sprung those of the East, Syriac, Arabic and Hebrew. - Philadelphia Ledger.

Prof. John H. Rice, the St. Louis weather prophet, whose death at the age of seventy six has been announced, was a native of Maryland, but had lived in St. Louis more than forty years. For some years he was Secretary, and afterward Superintendent of Public Schools, and to him is due the credit of establishing the first St. Louis public school system of evening schools. His surviving family consist of three daughters and a son. - Chicago Tribune.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE." - A milliner wants to know if, what a vessel is "trimmed," she is not bound to suit? - Denver Star.

An Illinois cow got drunk on distillate and made every night a display of comic buff. - Chicago Herald.

"Now, children," she continued, "what is the name of you eat in the morning called?" "Oat meal," promptly replied a member of the class. - New York Mercury.

"Maker of musical instruments cheerfully rubbing his hands. Here, think goodness, the bass fiddle is finished at last!" After a pause, "Ach, Himmel, if I haven't gone and left the glue pot inside!"

"Some men are always ready to offer a remedy for everything. The other day we remarked to one of these animated apothecary shops - 'An idea struck us yesterday' - and before we could finish he advised us - 'Rub the affected parts with a piece of - N. Y. Graphic.

Walter said Mrs. Particular to her little son, whom she found eating grapes in the garden, "You must not swallow the skins of the grapes. It's bad for you to eat them." "But doesn't it make the yard look neater?" said Walter. - N. Y. Independent.

"I understood you to say that your charge for services would be light," complained the client when his lawyer handed him a tremendous bill. "I believe I said my fee would be nominal," was the reply, "but - O I see," interrupted the client, "phenomenal!" - Exchange.

A young lady was relating how an angry cow chased her and how narrowly she escaped with her life. "And weren't you terribly frightened?" was the general exclamation. "No, simply a little cowed, that's all." It became developed later in the evening that the young lady was chased by a cow at all and that it was a hatched-up story to work in that pun. To shine in society these days one must be funny. - Philadelphia Call.

A young Englishman who was undergoing examination for Her Majesty's service, was asked who Oliver Cromwell was. He answered, unhesitatingly, "A celebrated Englishman, who died young." "Is that all you know?" was then asked. "Oh, no," was the reply. "Oliver Cromwell" - and here he got his Cromwells somewhat confused - "was the man who said, 'If I had served my God as I have my King, I should die happy.'" - Detroit Post.

A Avery, Sr. of Bibb county, Ala., has a hat that he assures people is one hundred and ten years old, having been worn by his grandmother in 1773. It is of very fine material and well preserved. Mr. Avery's family have two other relics of ancient date. One a powder-gourd used by their great-grandfather in the Revolutionary war, and the other a chest over one hundred and twenty years old.

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THE REVIEW.

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LOCAL PARAGRAPHS.

Business was frozen up yesterday. Holiday visitors are returning home. Oysters, oysters, oysters, at Wood Bro's. ch. Ladies shoes, low prices. J. W. BAKER. d9 d6t. The ice being cut in this vicinity is of excellent quality. "McSorley's Inflation" is the next amusement at the opera house. At 2:30 this morning the thermometer registered 10° below zero. There will be meetings at the U. B. church, every evening this week. Heavy gray men's undershirts a. 25 cents, at the CHEAP STORE. d&wlv. The public schools will re-open tomorrow, the holidays having passed. An exchange thinks that a little of the "solid south" would be very desirable. The city council will hold its first meeting of this year to-morrow evening. The bitter cold has caused many fingers, toes and ears to become frost-bitten. Men's, Women's, and Children's Arctic over shoes at—BARNES & BAKER. d18d&wlf. There was not a single real estate transfer yesterday,—something unusual in this country. Ice will be cheap next year, but just at this season very little consolation can be drawn from that fact. The cold weather did not prevent a good many young people from attending the roller skating rink last evening. The prizes to be donated or awarded on the 19th inst., are now on exhibition at the Prize Shooting Gallery, on Prairie street. The weather of the past few days ought to brighten up the matrimonial market. Verily, "it is not good for man to be alone." The Decatur lecture course will be opened by Alfred P. Burbank at the opera house on Jan. 10. Tickets to the gallery, 35 cents. Several persons claim to have seen immense "sun dogs" during the past few days. They always appear in extremely cold weather. Attorney Hugh Cree, of this city, has been appointed a member of the committee on legal education of the Illinois State Bar Association. Persons driving horses these days should blanket them, when they are not in motion. The poor dumb brutes have feeling as well as humans. The I. B. & W. and P. D. & E. are about the only two roads that have not experienced a great deal of trouble in running their trains. The original Charleston Blues will appear at the opera house on Wednesday evening, in Harrigan & Hart's latest success, "McSorley's Inflation." Now the housewife mourns the loss of her plants, which in many incidents have had to succumb to a congealed condition of the atmosphere. Few farmers will "monkey" with foreign seed corn this coming season. In many cases their experience last year was very unsatisfactory. An aged cripple with a bag pipe, was about the city yesterday asking alms. If this weather wouldn't make a man feel charitably disposed, nothing would. Girls, do you know this is leap year? Have you secured tickets for the lecture course? Buy a ticket, only \$2.00, and give Johnnie the benefit of five first class entertainments. Zazel, of the Rentz Stanley combination, who appeared here on Wednesday evening, was nearly choked to death at the St. Nicholas in Springfield on Friday, by swallowing a fish bone. A protracted meeting will be commenced at the Church of Bethel, at Fairview, near Warrensburg, to-day. Rev. M. S. Newcomer, of this city, will be present part of the time, and assist in the services. Peter Ullrich, the Main street grocer, kept two men at his store all last night, fixing up his stoves to keep the potatoes, apples and "sich" from freezing. Peter was going on the principle of a "stitch in time saves nine." Ehrhardt Walters, a German, and for twenty years an employee of the Quincy Coal company at Colchester, McDonough county, committed suicide on Friday morning, by hanging himself in the shaft shed. He was sixty years of age. A minister handed us the following. "Why is a preacher like a printer? They are both after the devil. In what respect does a preacher differ from a printer? Preachers make the devil work and the devil makes the preacher work." Frank Mayo is booked to appear at the opera house next Friday evening, January 11, in his great character of "Davy Crockett." The star and play are so well and favorably known, that the mere announcement of his coming in his world renowned play, is a guarantee of a full house. Patrons of the paper should be a little easy on the carrier boys, if they should chance to make a mistake one of these extremely cold mornings. The boys are full of grit and enterprise to undertake carrying a route this season of the year, and they should be handled gently if an error occurs. Mr. J. C. Wise has established himself in D. Hamsher's old stand on North Main street, and has opened up a general furniture repair shop. Mr. Wise guarantees to do furniture repairing, upholstering and all work

in his line, as neatly and quickly as such work can be done, and at the most reasonable prices. He invites the public to call on him when in want of such work. jldlv. Forty years' experience, in every clime on earth, has proved Ayer's Cherry Pectoral to be the most reliable remedy for colds, coughs, and all lung diseases. Neglected colds often become incurable ailments. Deal with them in time, and prevent their becoming deep-seated in the system. jld&wlv. While Mr. H. S. Stansell, of Lincoln, slumbered and slept the other night, with a huge revolver under his pillow, a thief entered his room, took his pants from the wardrobe within four feet of his head, and robbed the pocket of \$47, then got away without awakening either the sleeper or his revolver. The reason Mahomet went to the mountain has always been thought to be because the mountain would not come to Mahomet. Perhaps it was because our navigators did not go to the north pole that the north pole has now come to us. This item may read well enough, but we hesitate about vouching for the logic of it. The thermometer at James Durfee's house, marked the condition of the weather on Friday night as follows: At 5 p. m., 12 degrees below zero; 6 p. m., 16 below; 7 p. m., 17 below; 8 p. m., 18 below; 8:30 p. m., 20 below; 9:30 p. m., 23 below, 10:15, 25 below. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning it marked 30 degrees below zero. The officers elect of Maroa Lodge, No. 314, I. O. O. F., will be publicly installed at Maroa on Thursday evening next. The installation ceremonies will be held in the M. E. church. The Uniform Degree Camp, of Decatur, have resolved to attend in a body. The installation will be supplemented by a grand banquet, and a good time is promised. Attorney-General McCartney has interpreted some sections of the mining law for the benefit of the bureau of labor statistics. He informed the board that it is evidently the intention of the law to make it the imperative duty of mine inspectors to prosecute violations of the statute requiring operators to provide scales at the mines for the benefit of miners, also to compel the enforcement of the penalties which the law prescribes. H. S. Shade, the new ticket agent for the Illinois Central, Midland and P. D. & E., arrived in the city yesterday, and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Shade comes to this city from El Paso, and is a perfect stranger, but he has the assurance of a warm reception during his stay in this city. He is a thorough railroad man, and will doubtless discharge his duties to the entire satisfaction of the three companies he represents. An alarm of fire was sounded yesterday forenoon on account of a small blaze originating at 129 W. Eldorado street, in a dwelling into which Manager Ewald, of the Western Union Telegraph company, but recently moved. The cause of the fire was a stove pipe running through the first floor and connecting with a drum above. It became too hot and set fire to the floor. The firemen, who were promptly on the scene, got water in a short space of time, and soon extinguished the flames. E. R. Leffingwell, mayor of Dalton City, and proprietor of the hotel at that place, met with a very bad accident on Saturday morning. He was running down the street, racing with little Johnny Roney, and when in front of his hotel, intended to catch hold of a post that was at the gate, in order to stop himself, to go into the house, but he missed the post, and his feet slipped from under him, and he fell on his back, receiving some very serious injuries. It is thought that he is affected internally. Dr. E. P. Hilligoss was summoned, and under his able treatment it is to be hoped that Mr. Leffingwell will soon recover. A Party. A pleasant party was given last evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haddock, in honor of their niece, Miss May Weeks, who has been visiting them for some time past. An elegant time was enjoyed and plenty of delicious refreshments were dispensed. The following young folks were present: Misses Julia Kalane, Josie Condon, Katie Powers, Katie Flynn, Mattie Pierce, Nellie Sweeney, Jennie Babin, Mollie Babin, Mary Condon, Cora Watson, Daubenspeck, and Messrs. Edward Condon, Billie Jones, John Wallatt, Eli Mott, James McAvoy, James Adamson, and Mr. Quisenberry. The young folks retired highly delighted with the evening's amusement that had been afforded them. New Year's Greeting to All. W. B. Davison and E. B. Weekly beg leave to announce to the public that they have opened a real estate and life insurance office over Heilman's grocery store, on Merchant street, where they will always be found ready to attend to anything in the real estate or insurance line. They are the exclusive agents for the Great Western Live Stock Insurance Co., of Iowa, which insures horses, mules, cattle, swine, sheep, etc., just what farmers, horse owners and stock men need. Call at the office for particulars. We are now ready to advertise and sell your property at lowest rates of commissions. Please call and see us. d&wlv. DAVISON & WEEKLY. Coal and Wood. Parties wishing a good article of Mt. Olive coal and dry jack oak wood, by calling early will have special prices. J. H. VINCIGERBOLTZ. a25f. School shoes, low prices.—J. W. BAKER. d13,d&w 7t. Prize Shooting Gallery, Prairie street, opposite postoffice. 28w7* ;

PERSONAL. Wm. Lindsay, of Casner, was in the city yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Scott, of Bethany, were in Decatur yesterday. W. W. Hastings, of New York, registered at the New Deming yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. C. Snyder returned yesterday from a visit to Sullivan. J. Allen Whyte, the theatrical manager, is a guest at the New Deming. A. C. Morris, of Chambersburg, was a guest at the Palace Hotel yesterday. Elmer Tomlinson, of Murrayville, Mo., is visiting his parents in this city. George Chellis expects to go to Texas to-morrow, on a prospecting tour. M. George F. Towne, of Harris-town, was among the visitors to this city yesterday. Rev. A. Shartzler, of Illinois, braved the cold weather yesterday to pay a visit to Decatur. Misses Maude and Belle Burrows left yesterday afternoon for Jacksonville, where they will visit friends. Miss Anna Smith and Miss Roach returned home yesterday from a visit to friends and relatives at Mt. Zion. J. G. Houser, a teacher near Boody, passed through this city yesterday, on his way home from a visit at Mt. Zion. Miss Laura Dempsey, of Warrensburg, has come to this city, to take a position as teacher in the First ward school. F. L. Moore, of Whitmore township, is soon to remove from there to a farm in the vicinity of Sangamon Station. James Hatfield purchased a ticket for Nebraska yesterday. He leaves to-morrow for Red Willow ranch, in that state. Joshua Green says the highway commissioners are doing an unusual amount of ditching in Whitmore township this season. J. N. Orr, of Friends Creek township, was in the city yesterday to receive the tax books for that township, of which he is collector. A. L. Brookway, of Linn & Scruggs, held a lucky number in Irwin & Priest's drawing yesterday morning. His ticket called for \$20 in gold. Max L. Clayton, advance agent for the "Girl That I Love" company, is in the city, making arrangements for the appearance of that troupe. He is a guest at the St. Nicholas. Mr. Geo. Russell, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Maroa, has pulled up stakes in that town and removed to Kenton, Ohio, where he expects to make his future home. Miss Laura Fulton has resigned her position as teacher at the First ward school, and will go to Pekin, to accept a similar one just made vacant by her sister, Miss Minta, who goes to Charleston. A. W. Coleman, who is teaching at Warrensburg, spent yesterday in the city. He reports the village flourishing, and says the people are manifesting a great deal of interest in protracted prayer meetings which are being held there. James Smith, the Wabash engineer, who was injured at Clarkdale on Friday evening, was resting very comfortable on yesterday. His injuries were not of a serious nature, although they are extremely painful, and will cause Mr. Smith to lose considerable valuable time. Conductor George Morgan telegraphed from Chicago yesterday to his family who are visiting in this city, that he was snowed in there, and could not tell when he would be able to leave the city. His family has been here for several days, and has intended to return to their home in St. Louis ere this, but they will now remain here until they again hear from George. P. W. and J. P. Myer, the expert painters of the firm of Myer & Sons, whose fame is familiar to every one in this vicinity, left yesterday afternoon for Wichita, Kan., to do an extra fine job of painting for Mr. Mark Oliver, who formerly resided here. Mr. Myer will soon follow his two sons, leaving this city about the fifteenth of the present month. These gentlemen are artists of high standing in their line, and Mr. Oliver knows their worth or he would not send so far for workmen to do his painting. "McSorley's Inflation." In speaking of the above piece, which will be produced here on Wednesday evening next, the Pittsburgh Dispatch says: "A full house greeted McSorley's Inflation at the opera house, and all appeared to enjoy the fun. There is little to be said about the piece beyond the fact that it is highly hilarious, rip roaring and nonsensical. How actors stand it to work so hard for so long a time is a mystery. They would not have to handle themselves faster if they were working an engine at a fire. The songs are new and good, besides being well sung. All this is just exactly what the people who go to places of amusement want to see. Shakespeare at this time of year wouldn't draw \$50 a night. Mart Hanley, who is managing the present attraction at the opera house, understands this about as well as anybody in this world, and if he hasn't the biggest week yet, then we are badly mistaken." Popular prices 35, 50 and 75 cents. Dr. Brown's New Office. Dr. J. Brown has taken possession of his elegant new office in Haworth Block. He occupies the two north rooms on the second floor, Water street side, near the steam elevator. Parties can reach the office either by ascending the main stairway, south side of building, or by elevator entrance northwest corner of block. j5 d&w

BLASTS OF OLD BORES. What the Weather Is, and What People Say about It. That the weather for the past few days has been as cold as the north side of the famous Bethel Hill, or as modern christian charity, no one who has been out of doors—or outside of a furnace, for that matter—will dare to dispute. The state and range of thermometers, as reported from various parts of the city, are more varied than the "tunes of a thousand rain bows," and the stories and comments we hear of and upon the temperature are much more amusing than instructive, and smack much more of romance than of reality. But they are all related as the result of actual observation, vouched for by good citizens, and therefore entitled to full faith and credit, even though a little straining upon the credulity. One of our ministers asserts that water froze upon the back part of his splendid hard coal base-burner, in which there was fire all night, and also upon his cooking stove, in which the fire did not go out during the entire night. Another declares that the coffee on his stove, in which the fire was covered for the night, was frozen in the morning, notwithstanding the fact that the fire did not go out during the night. Jack Cloyd says his dog was frozen to death while lying under the stove, and that there was a good fire in the stove all the time. Some people may think it was Jack who was lying, but not under the stove; however on that subject we have no opinion to express, for he is an honorable and truthful gentleman. A man in the fifth ward swears that while his wife was getting breakfast yesterday morning, the steam rising from a boiling kettle congealed at a distance of two feet above the stove, and fell back in snow, covering the top of the stove to a depth of at least two inches. This man has never had his veracity questioned (except by the people) and his statement may be accepted as a solemn fact. A good church member says that he took a large cinder out of the stove yesterday morning, and carried it to the door on the end of the poker to throw it out. The poker was red hot when he reached the door, but when he extended it out to drop the cinder, the end of the poker was frozen off. A prominent merchant who came to this store rather early yesterday morning, vows that as he came up street he heard something occasionally drop with a rattling noise, sometimes on the sidewalk and sometimes striking on his boots. Fearing he was losing small change from his pants pocket, he investigated the matter only to discover that it was tears from his eyes and nose, which congealed themselves into hailstones as they fell, and rattled on the sidewalk and on his boots like peas on a drum head. Fact. An ex-policeman was seen yesterday morning, between five and six o'clock, looking as solemn as a condeemed government mule in a snow storm, and a sadness on his countenance that indicated grief, deep and poignant. On being questioned as to the cause of his sadness, he declared that he had been to four saloons for a little whisky, but that every place that he had been the article was frozen up, and could not be got out of the bottles. When last seen he was steering for a drug store, to see if they had any alcohol that was thin enough to pour. This story is given on the authority of a traveling man, known among his fellows as "Truthful James." The steam pipes in the check-rower manufactory of Haworth & Sons, and used for warming the building, froze up yesterday morning, and burst. So it would seem cold iron gained complete mastery over hot steam. Mr. Bert. Stewark, who resides on East Eldorado street, tells us that water froze in his house on Friday night, the ice forming in considerable thickness, where, under similar conditions and surroundings there was no sign of ice during the extreme cold weather of last winter. Scores of similar cases have been reported. Old Fitznoodle, who lives in the northwestern part of the city, says that when he went to milk his cow yesterday morning he found her teats frozen as hard as marlin-spikes. [He got a bucket of boiling water in which he immersed them in order to "thaw them out." After he had held the bucket, what he thought a sufficient time, he attempted to remove it and ascertain the result of the experiment, when to his utter surprise he found the cow's udder, the boiling water, and the bucket, all frozen in one solid mass, and he says he is waiting for warm weather to relieve the cow of her superfluous burden—or at least for the "January thaw." This story looks a little fishy, but it means fight to dispute Fitznoodle's word, and we therefore give his version of the affair as the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us—Fitznoodle. The thermometer sunk as low as 30° below zero in several places in Decatur on Friday night, and on yesterday morning, after sunrise, it registered from 26° to 30° below zero all over the city. The old fellows, who have talked so much about the "winter of the deep snow" can now take a back seat, and let young America and the year of 1884 come to the front. W. C. T. U. The N. W. C. T. U. has appointed Tuesday, January 8th, as a day of special prayer, and the state superintendent of evangelistic work of the Illinois W. C. T. U., Mrs. Hibben, sends out a circular requesting that meetings be held for that purpose. Accordingly, at our meeting this week it was decided to hold a prayer meeting on that day from 2 until 5 p. m., at the lecture room of the First M. E. church. Three of the pastors are to have charge of it, each one hour, and all praying people and all temperance people are invited.—Sec RETARY. j5dld. School shoes, low prices.—J. W. BAKER. d13,d&w 7t.

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